



The Spirit

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Tuition Still Affordable at St. Joseph's

By Diana Marinello

The rapid rate of increase in college costs has financially begun to drop, according to a survey done by the College Board. After three years of annual increases of 10-11%, students will have to cope with an increase of only 6% this fall.

However, students at St. Joseph's College will be coping with a 12.5% increase for the 1984-85 school year, which is double the national percent increase. For the last three years St. Joseph's students have also had to pay an average 10% increase, although tuition at St. Joseph's still remains about \$1,400 lower than all other private colleges which will average \$5,016 this year, according to the College Board.

Just ten years ago the average annual cost for an undergraduate was \$3,860 at a private institution. The annual tuition today at St. Joseph's is 3,600, 7% less than the national average cost of a private college ten years ago.

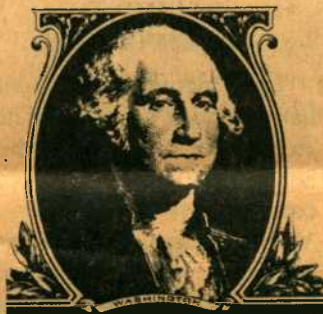
The tuition at St. Joseph's is decided by the Board of Trustees which tries to keep

it as low as possible to meet the needs of college students. "The trustees and administration made a commitment to low tuition—we believe in a quality education at a low cost," said a member of the administration. Educators maintain that the larger annual increases for private institutions were needed to make up ground that had been lost to inflation in the 1970's in faculty salaries and campus maintenance. Because the faculty at St. Joseph's is widely made up of religious, a portion of their salary is voluntarily donated to the college. This portion, called "contributed services" allows tuition costs to be kept down and provides funds towards scholarships.

The alumni are also instrumental in raising money for St. Joseph's. This year's Alumni Fund Drive, which ended in June, raised \$127,716. In recent years the college has also been able to solicit foundations and receive specific grants for such things as computers.

There is also the limited state and federal funding

which St. Joseph's receives. The Bundy grant, which offers a stipulated amount of money for each graduate, has also contributed to low tuition costs. "We believe that there are some students who can't afford most private colleges and who can benefit from the atmosphere at St. Joseph's. We are a non-profit organization out to have enough money for the students . . . which the college runs for", said a member of the administration.



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FUTURE ASPIRATIONS

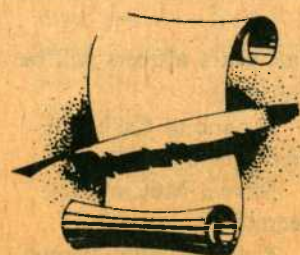
THE SPIRIT will include a column on student government affairs, a faculty update, and guest editorials by faculty and students. This is the first year THE SPIRIT will become involved with two national advertising companies, and have members canvas for local advertising which will defray some of the cost. The newspaper, which is now being funded by U.A. student government, will have a great chance to expand if national and local advertising is abundant.

THE SPIRIT will also cover all sports events,

provide a monthly calendar, and offer different feature sections. These sections will vary from month to month and will include student/faculty spot lights, reviews, inquiring photographer, historical sites in Brooklyn, interviews, and comical aspects of college life. Photographers will try to cover all newsworthy events so pictures can be placed in THE SPIRIT. All clubs will be welcome to participate along with anyone - faculty or students - who would like to share their talents.

The most important thing to remember is that THE SPIRIT is your paper and will contain the articles that you want to read. Although

we are starting out slowly, THE SPIRIT has great growth potential. The Staff would like this year's printing of the paper to be a model by which THE SPIRIT can improve in quality, increase in page number, and strive to be a better paper in future years to come.



An Interview With Sister George

Changes Ahead For St. Joseph's

On September 4, 1984 St. Joseph's College will reopen its doors to the class of 1988 and all underclassmen for its 69th year of service as a higher educational institution.

The first week, as always, will begin with orientation and end with the New Students/Welcome Back Barbecue. During September there will be many new events to look forward to including the opening of the Swamp, the Barn Dance, and the Psychology Club Day. In a recent interview Sister George Aquin O'Connor examines the many changes which will be instituted in St. Joseph's this year.

An Interview With The President by Dawn Tzamorotas

Recently, I had the pleasant opportunity of interviewing the President of our College, Sister George Aquin O'Connor. During the course of our thirty minute interview, I asked Sister George various questions concerning herself and the St. Joseph's community.

Sister George is a native of Astoria, Queens and a graduate of Hunter College. Upon graduation from College, Sister began teaching at St. Joseph's College as a sociology teacher. Later on, Sister continued her education with doctoral studies in anthropology.

In Sister George's opinion, a small college creates an atmosphere appropriate for the stimulation of personal growth. At St. Joseph's College each chairperson is available to aid students in their personal and professional endeavors. Positive results of the undergraduate programs are obvious when it is taken into consideration that so many of St. Joseph's graduates continue their education in graduate programs.

Sister George noted that the science programs especially benefit academically from a small undergraduate enrollment.

The reason for this is the individualized lab instruction each student of science receives.



Sr. George

An Accounting Degree Program within the Business Department at St. Joseph's is a strong possibility for the future. Interestingly, as Sister George explained, it is not extremely easy to incorporate a degree program into a college curriculum. Since college enrollment is down on a nationwide basis, competing colleges are not very eager to support the institution of new degree programs in other colleges

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EDITORIAL

Club Update

The Staff of **The Spirit** would like to welcome all new students to St. Joseph's College. Echoing the words of UA President Ray Cashman, student involvement is the key to a productive, worthwhile school year. Although St. Joseph's is small, opportunities are limitless for ambitious students.

One way to contribute to the college is to make your voice known by writing articles or letters to **The Spirit**. You probably think that the success of **The Spirit** depends on many different factors. There are editors, contributors, and advertising staff to be organized. Money also has to be obtained from the UA student activities fund. Collectively, all these things add up to one important factor - the student body. Without input from students, none of these things would exist.

You have to believe enough in **The Spirit** to make it stay in print, and to make it not only acceptable, but commendable. All the extensive planning in the world is not enough to publish **The Spirit**. Student input will be what gets the paper out every month. Freedom of the press and speech is a fundamental right which should not be wasted or neglected. Together we can produce a college paper which glorifies that right, enhances St. Joseph's, and reflects the kind of student body we are---and aspire to be.

A LETTER FROM THE U.A. PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Students:

Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed the vacation.

A new year with endless possibilities is upon us. What is needed now is your ideas and your participation to make things happen. Whether it be a new event or improving an old one, it will take new ideas and the commitment to see them through.

I assure you that this year's student government is there to help you. We also want to know your opinion. How can we really represent you if we haven't heard from you?

If you wish, there are several ways to become involved. The Student Senate oversees many aspects of the U.A. including scheduling, policies, and budgeting. The Special Programs Committee's main purpose is to allow new interests to be presented to the student body. The College Advisory Council offers an open dialogue with the administration. Other committees such as the Speaker's Committee also allow us to have a say in the College's policy making.

Just let a Council member or me know if you are interested in being on Senate or on a committee this year. Remember, the Senate and Council meetings are open to all students. Even if you can't participate in this way, don't let that stop you from voicing your opinion and supporting events whenever you desire.

It can't be emphasized too much that the success of this year depends on you. Don't be afraid to get involved and let us know what's on your mind. Most especially, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have a question.

Sincerely,
Ray Cashman
U.A. President

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THE SPIRIT

THE SPIRIT is the college newspaper. It is the "voice" of the student body and will contain material that is both interesting and informative. The paper is a valuable tool to St. Joseph's College because it enhances student morale and welcomes change through controversy.

A select staff of editors will review articles for **THE SPIRIT**, which will be published monthly under the strict set of guidelines. All students are welcome to contribute articles and attend meetings on designated Tuesdays.

As a member of **THE SPIRIT** you will learn the basic techniques of journalism by writing various articles, putting the paper together, and criticizing the finished product. This year **THE SPIRIT** is hoping to sponsor some guest speakers who are journalists. They will be able to provide valuable inside information about journalism as a career.

Even if you have no interest in pursuing a career in journalism, joining **THE SPIRIT** can be a way to become involved in student and community issues which have an impact on your life. There is also a chance to meet new friends, sharpen writing and communication skills, and achieve a personal sense of accomplishment and pride in St. Joseph's College. You may find that producing a paper that you can be proud of is as rewarding as it is fun.

THE SPIRIT needs people to organize local advertising, type, layout, and contribute articles. It needs people who are willing to share ideas, initiate changes, and create student morale.

All questions pertaining to **THE SPIRIT** should be addressed to Diana Marinello, Editor.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Student Government has two main branches. The executive branch, the Student Council, is composed of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Four Council Members and the Class Representatives. It has many jobs including coordinating activities, taking action on matters of student interest and giving leadership to the Senate.

The Senate is composed of 7% of the Undergraduate membership, Class Representatives and club representatives. Some of its functions include approving all financial allocations, admitting new organizations, and legislating general student activities.

Elections for open positions on Senate and the Freshmen Representative will take place during the Fall Semester. If you are interested contact any officer for more information.

This years officers will be:
President:

Raymond Cashman

Vice President:

Shawn McCormack

Secretary:

Kathleen Shaughnessy

Treasurer:

Zareh Artinian

SPECIAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Special Programs is an extension of the S.J.C. Senate which organizes events outside of the ordinary activities. Past efforts of Special Programs include Theatre Night, Film Night, Talent Night, Oktoberfest and the Halloween Costume Party. If you are interested in coordinating and preparing for special events, we hope you'll join SJC's Special Programs Committee this coming semester. Help plan some barbecues!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year, the U.A. holds annual events as well as introduces new ones. These events can be another source of involvement and enjoyment.

Each class has their own special events which include Freshmen Orientation, Junior Ring Day, "101 Nites" and Senior Week. These occasions bring the entire student body and faculty together to celebrate and to recognize the particular year's achievements.

Other Annual events which will take place again this year, include Dances (with themes such as "Beach Party", "Barn Dance", Valentine's Day and a Halloween Costume Party),

Swamps (informal gettogether), January Ski Trip, Film Nights, Barbeques, Speakers, Dance Marathon and many more.

New ideas for activities are always welcomed.

ART CLUB

Do you know how to batike or silk screen? These are among the many techniques you can discover. Enjoy yourself while creating and experimenting with various forms of art. The Art Club meets once a week in the art room (3rd Floor "245 Building") During the Spring semester, the annual exhibit displays the "works of art" to the entire college community. (Our own Met!)

See Mayra Garcia or Ms. Belloso for details.

CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Campus Ministries is interested in awakening the young adult Christian to the place God has in his or her life. The members provide religious activities for the students such as discussions, lectures and liturgies. Join this group if you are interested in learning more about the beliefs and practices of your religion as well as those of others.

See Maria Wagner for more details.

CHAPEL PLAYERS

Chapel Players, which is the dramatic group of St. Joseph's, presents two shows each year. This year's productions will be "The Philadelphia Story" and the Tony Award winning musical "Applause" Along with the opportunity to perform, there are many other aspects of theatre such as publicity, stage crew, and lighting. Nothing is more rewarding or thrilling than when the lights come up and the curtain opens! For more information, see this years president, Sandy Zappia.

THE COMPUTER CLUB

The "Computer Club" is a new club, organized this past year. It was created to enhance students' knowledge in math and computers. Basic programming is stressed and members will become familiar with these new ideas as well as entertained by them.

The club joined "Los Amigos" and the "Math Club" and together hosted a

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human checker game. This occurred at one of the school's many barbecues and was an enjoyable experience for those who participated and for spectators alike. Guest speakers and a presentation during Common Hour are but some of the activities being planned for next year. The club invites anyone with computer background, or anyone who thirsts for knowledge in the subject of the future, to join. For more information speak to:

Carl A. Felix
Vice President
Computer Club

CONOCIMIENTO LATINO

CoLa is an organization which helps to further the school's awareness of Latin culture and heritage. Through a program of dance, music, and lectures, the club broadens our thinking in a way that is both educational and entertaining. This year we will celebrate Puerto Rican Discovery Day, screen a number of films, and hold our Annual Valentine's Day Mixer. We look forward to seeing many new faces in CoLa this semester.

ST. JOSEPH'S DANCE CLUB

DANCE! DANCE!
DANCE!

Dance is our motto, so if you love to dance or if you even like it a little, St. Joseph's DANCE CLUB is perfect for you.

The club meets weekly and practices different types of dances including: modern, ballet, and jazz.

Each year the DANCE CLUB presents a dance concert in which the members may dance or assist with the technical aspects for the performance.

Guys and Gals welcomed with or without dance experience.

For more information speak to Gregory Branch or Carl Manchoon.



FOLK GROUP

The Folk Group is comprised of students who sing and/or play an instrument. This group entertains at college events and provides musical accompaniment for liturgies and prayer services. If you are interested please contact Maria Wagner for more details.

FOOTPRINTS

Footprints is the school yearbook. Along with photography and layout, many different aspects of publishing are involved in putting this book together. The Footprints club is a group of students using their talents and working together to create a wonderful yearbook. This year we hope to get many underclassmen involved who are willing to help. See Teri Brennan, editor, for more information.

GAELIC SOCIETY

If you would like to become involved in activities that promote an awareness of Irish culture and are fun at the same time, join the Gaelic Society. Last year some of our events included a dinner dance, a trip to the Tommy Maken and Liam Clancy concert, and a St. Patrick's Day Mixer. For the first time in several years we marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We have a lot more planned for this year. Won't you join us? You don't have to be Irish, just someone who likes to get involved and have a good time. See Brendan McGuire, president, for more details.

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

ATTENTION
NEW STUDENTS!!!

WANTED: Vivacious, fun-loving people from any background to participate with the newly-formed Italian American Club.

During our first year the Club has . . .

ENTERTAINED

***We held a complete sit-down dinner--antipasto through desert--called, "Festa - Italiana".

***The Club also participa-

ted in St. Joe's International Luncheon serving such delights as Tortoni and Spanish-style spaghetti.

INFORMED

***The members write articles about the club which appear in our very own publication, "Il Piccolo Progresso".

EDUCATED/ EXPERIENCED

***We visited Brooklyn College to view a film on "Florence and It's Hill Towns", and dined at Nino's, (Evenue R and Coney Island Avenue)

***We Toured South Street Seaport.

In September we plan to have a super time again. So please have a great summer and don't forget to bring your fresh spirit to St. Joe's. Contact Julie Lerro for more information.

LOS AMIGOS

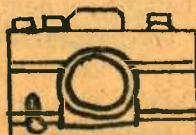
These students, through art, theatre, and dance experience, some of the rich culture that is part of Spain's heritage. They meet regularly to enjoy cultural events and to broaden friendships. At the end of the year, the club prepares an annual International Dinner. Please consider being a part of Los Amigos.

PHI MU

Phi Mu is St. Joseph's chapter of the international history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta. Membership is open to all students who have completed 12 credits in history and meet the academic requirements. Induction of new members is held during each semester. Welcome to the Class of 1988 and we hope to have many of you as members.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Did you ever think that a picture you took would be displayed in a Photography Exhibit? Well, now is your chance!! The SJC Photography Club holds an exhibit every Spring, as well as field trips during the school year to various local areas. If you are interested in photography and adventurous field trips, come join us. The club has a darkroom and camera equipment. No previous experience is necessary. See Ray Cashman for details.



POLITICAL AFFAIRS CLUB

The Political Affairs Club aims to familiarize students of the St. Joseph's community with local, national, and international events of political significance. Meetings are held twice every month (tentative) at times which are convenient for club members. Last year the club's activities included voter registration, the distribution of political questionnaires, and the sponsoring of a guest speaker. In the Spring, the Political Affairs Club sponsors "Meet the Candidates Day" to introduce candidates for student government offices. This year the club plans to do this and much more. Contact Dawn Tzamorotas, president, for more information.



PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

The Psychology Club provides experimental opportunities in all areas of psychology and brings an awareness of the methods and applications of psychology to the academic community. It sponsors lectures, (Have you ever been hypnotized?) demonstrations, films, career workshops, and field trips. Come to Psychology Day on September 28, 1984.

SCIENCE CLUB

The Science Club is open to both the scientifically oriented as well as to those who share an interest in the scientific world. For those planning to major in science and go on later to work in a science related field, the club offers a chance to meet with experts in various fields through demonstrations, lectures, and trips. For those who do not wish to spend their futures working in a scientific field, it offers field trips to interesting museums, scientific events, laboratories, and films. The Science Club also sponsors various school events throughout the year.

Sports

MEN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (AA)

The Men's AA consists of a determined group of individuals who make the most of their basketball abilities. All incoming freshman with a desire to play team basketball are encouraged to try out for the 1984-85 season.

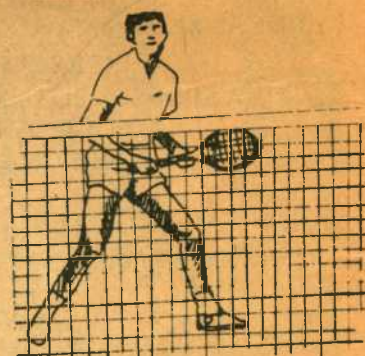
WOMEN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Women's AA is the women's basketball team of St. Joseph's. The team is always looking for new talent. If you are looking to have fun and make new friends, the Women's AA may be just what you want. Tryouts will be announced during the fall semester.

New coaches for both teams will be announced in the Fall. Please support both athletic associations by attending the games. Let's break all records this season!

INTRA MURALS

St. Joseph's offers a variety of sports activities. All of the students are welcome to participate in them. SJC has intramurals in basketball, paddle tennis, archery, and badminton. Anyone can compete! See you on the court! Watch bulletin boards for starting dates.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATES:

- 4 Orientation
- 5 Classes Begin
- 7 New Students/"Welcome Back" Barbecue
- 10 Senate/Council Meetings Begin
- 12 Common Hour: New Year Celebration "The Streets of New York"
- 14 Swamp Opens 4:00-7:00 PM (Tentative) Cooking Club Luncheon
- 21 Barn Dance 8 PM Cooking Club Dinner
- 26 Common Hour: Club Sampler
- 28 Psychology Club Day

An Interview With Sister George

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in fear that they may draw students away from their colleges or universities.

On the topic of college activities, Sister George hopes to continue events this term similar to the Isaac Singer lecture last term. In addition to lectures, S.J.C. is hoping to form some type of program through which groups of peers could assemble with leaders to share their thoughts and ideas.

Our food program at St. Joseph's College has unfortunately been terminated due to the fact that the service was operating at a loss. As such, it was not feasible or sensible to continue this particular program. Sherrie Van-Arnham, however, is presently looking into an alternative means for a lunch program.

In the area of athletics, there is good financial news. This year's various athletic fees will be underwritten, including the coaches' fees which will be included under college expenses.

Sister George hopes that other events, such as last year's inter-campus scientific expedition to the Caribbean taken by the Biology Department, continue next year as well.

Upon concluding my interview with Sister George, I inquired about Sister's personal view concerning the enthusiasm of the students in years gone by. Sister George feels that the zest and enthusiasm that once permeated the walls of St. Joseph's in the thirties and forties is still quite alive today. Although St. Joseph's has undergone many changes during the years, such as its change to a coeducational college and its inclusion of new degree programs, there is still a great amount of enthusiasm, involvement in extra-curricular activities, and general school spirit.

UA Events

YOU CAN'T FIND ANYTHING MORE UNUSUAL THAN THE . . .

STREETS OF NEW YORK
A UA SPONSORED CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE,
FOOD, AND CUSTOMS OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK

SEPTEMBER 12, 1984 AT THE DILLON MALL, 1:00 PM
COME ON DOWN TO . . .

THE BARN DANCE, SEPTEMBER 21, 1984
IN THE SJC AUDITORIUM, 8:00 PM
ALL FRESHMEN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS
ARE ADMITTED FREE!!!!

SENATE NOMINATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE
SEPTEMBER 24th MEETING.

ALL OPEN SEATS ON THE SENATE MUST BE FILLED.
ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD DURING
THE WEEK OF THE 24th.
IF YOU ARE INTERSTED IN RUNNING,
CONTACT ANY SENATOR.

**CATCH
THE
SPIRIT!**

A Freshman's Impression

by Sylvia Del Valle

Have you ever experienced culture shock? If so, you'll understand when I say that starting at St. Joseph's was just that for me. Since St. Joe's is much smaller than my old public high school, I had to adjust to the size as well as to the "college life" itself.

One of the first things that surprised me when I began to attend St. Joe's was the unusual peace about the campus and the lack of mobs hanging around the main building waiting to be "let in". At first I wondered if students really attended. I missed being caught in human traffic jams, and being cursed at for unknowingly stabbing someone in the stomach with a protruding umbrella. Walking down the halls at St. Joe's, unharrassed by suspicious guards or by a throng of students just leaving the cafeteria, was a novelty to me worth getting used to.

REGISTER TO VOTE

When you choose to get involved don't stop at ST. JOSEPH'S, take a look at the world around you. The next president of the United States will ultimately determine the taxes, the funding that goes into special programs, the trend of the Supreme Court, and the status of our country in relationships with foreign nations. It might be worthwhile to examine the issues, take a stand, and encourage others to vote. These issues will play a vital role in your life. Before something affects you, see if you can affect it. It will make a difference.

You must register by October 9 to vote in the general elections. You can register by:

- (1) Calling V-o-t-e-r-8-4 for mail in registration forms.
- (2) Write/Call the New York City Board of Elections: 131 Varick Street, New York, New York 10013 924-1860
- (3) Participating in the voter registration drive to be held by the Political Affairs Club in September.

Leaving the infamous "late bell" behind was no trauma, but I soon found myself rushing to class, listening for the "five-minute warning bell" that would assure me I was still early. Since there is no such bell in college, I was forced to rely on my dying Timex. Needless to say, I was the victim of many a raised eyebrow as I walked into classes twenty-five minutes late.

Then there was the small population of the classes which baffled me. At my first class I spent half the period expecting twenty more students to barge in. I soon learned that twenty students was considered a massive amount. Accustomed to having to race for a seat or annoying someone by sitting on their desk because of lack of space, I had no complaints. Except that if I dozed off, I'd be grossly noticeable.

The "breaks" between classes that were sometimes

two hours long were a luxury I at first took to be a computer error. Like a caged animal suddenly set free, I didn't know what to do with myself. I found it hard to just "relax" at first, something I've learned to do with remarkable speed. The breaks became lifesavers when I had a paper due that I had forgotten to finish.

Memorizing all of the due dates and organizing my chaotic mind, which jumped from papers, to tests, to oral reports, was a chore. It deserves the term the "Art of Survival". This was not a piece of cake, coming from high school, where the teachers reminded and nagged you daily of what was due until you felt you had traded in your mind for a substitute parent.

As a sophomore, I find my early impressions of St. Joseph's only natural. After all, it was like entering a calm oasis after emerging from a death trap.

Faculty Notes

This year St. Joseph's College will be a participant in the New York University's Faculty Resources Network Program beginning this fall. Each semester at least five faculty members will be designated as University Associates and will be allowed to participate in research and curriculum development activities in N.Y.U. St. Joseph's was one of the nine colleges chosen on a nationwide basis to participate in this program which will allow faculty to share ideas with other colleagues that will ultimately add to the betterment of St. Joseph's. Sister Elizabeth Hill, assistant to the president, is coordinator of this project.

Sister Margaret Jennings, Chairman of the English Department, was selected as one of the Visiting Scholars for the Fall, 1984 seminar, "Medieval Culture: Love and Power in the Middle Ages." The seminar is sponsored by the New York University's Institute for Cultural Analysis and will include speakers from various universities. Sister Margaret will do research projects examining the historical, literary, artistic,

and philosophical expression of the Middle Ages.

Sister Ann Behre Professor of Child Study, received the "Ubi Caritas Deus Ibi" Award, the highest honor bestowed by Diocesan Catholic Charities. Sister Ann opened the first school for the deaf in Flushing 1960. During her 21 years at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf, registration grew to 250 students, new facilities were opened, and state funding was awarded.

We will all miss Ms. Margaret Ward, Professor of Physical Education for 33 years at St. Joseph's. It will be difficult to find a replacement for her because of the many dedicated years she spent coaching the student Athletic Association.

Sister Joseph Damien, Professor of History, will be on leave for the 1984-85 school year to teach at Stella Maris High School, Rockaway.

We are all saddened by the loss of Sister Mary Elizabeth O'Connor on June 13. She served St. Joseph's since 1955 as Treasurer and Chief Business Officer.